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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

February 6, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

FAILED BIDEN ADMINISTRATION POLICIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, tomorrow evening, President Biden will deliver his second State of the Union Address and attempt to defend his failed agenda, an agenda that has led to high inflation, crumbling supply chains, and, worst of all, an open southern border that has led to far too many deaths from drugs like fentanyl.

We have seen reckless government spending drive the price of household goods out of reach for so many families. We have seen businesses forced to shut down assembly lines because of ridiculous vaccine mandates that led to critical components rusting in our ports instead of arriving on time at factories in Pennsylvania. As we stand in this body today, the number one killer of Americans between the ages of 18 and 49 is fentanyl poisoning.

We need the President to show that he is willing to work with Congress to address the crises that his administration has caused. We need to cut spending. We need to slow inflation. We need to see that real American families have an administration that is listening to them. We need to end the public health emergency that has led to a shortage of healthcare workers. We need to finally see a plan to address the crisis that we all recognize at our southern border.

Two weeks ago, parents from Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Ray and Deb Cullen, came before the Energy and Commerce Committee and told the story of their son Zach, who lost his life to fentanyl poisoning just a few short months ago.

It is time for President Biden to address this crisis that has killed thousands of men, women, and children across Pennsylvania and offer us a concrete solution to secure our border and put a stop to these needless American deaths.

American families are struggling, and so far, we have seen shockingly few attempts from the Biden administration to confront kitchen table issues that face every American.

Pennsylvanians do not need a Green New Deal-focused EPA that threatens to take away their gas stoves. Families in my district do not need more government handouts that only raise the price of groceries, gas, cars, and housing and continue to grow our national debt.

What Americans need tomorrow night here in this Chamber are answers. We can't afford another year of emptiness. We cannot afford another year of President Biden's failed policies.

EXTEND THE DEBT CEILING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, on January 13, 2023, the Secretary of the Treasury, Janet Yellen, announced that the United States had hit its debt ceiling, which is a legal authorization that Congress has done on a recurring basis since the early 1900s that allows our Treasury to go out and sell bonds so we can pay the bills for our country,

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